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SUBJ: PROPOSED UK PRESS RELEASE FOR TRIPLE JUBILEE

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1. PELLEW, DEFENSE DEPARTMENT, FCO, HAS INFORMED EMBOFF THAT ON 20 OCTOBER THE UK MOD PROPOSES A PRESS RELEASE COVERING THE FORTHCOMING EXERCISE TRIPLE JUBILEE WHICH INVOLVES US, BRITISH AND NETHERLANDS MARINES. PELLEW ASKS THAT WE FORWARD THE PROPOSED TEXT WHICH APPEARS TO US TO BE ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH THE RELEVANT PARTS OF OUR OWN PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE (REFTEL B).

2. TEXT FOLLOWS:

"AMERICAN AND BRITISH MARINES WILL BE TRAINING TOGETHER DURING A FORTHCOMING EXERCISE CALLED TRIPLE JUBILEE, AND FOR PART OF THE TIME THEY WILL BE JOINED BY A COMPANY OF THE ROYAL NETHERLANDS MARINE CORPS.

"DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE CAPABILITY OF JOINT AMPHIBIOUS FORCES, THE EXERCISE WILL BEGIN IN DEVON ON 31 OCTOBER AND END ON 26 NOVEMBER IN SCOTLAND.

"THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE EXERCISE IS ITS CENTRAL PHASE,  
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FROM 8 TO 14 NOVEMBER, WHEN A LANDING BY A UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS FORCE AT LULWORTH, DORSET, WILL BE FOLLOWED BY COMBINED OPERATIONS ON SALISBURY PLAIN.

"DURING THESE OPERATIONS, AMERICAN AND DUTCH REINFORCEMENTS WILL BE FLOWN IN FROM THE BRITISH COMMANDO SHIP, HMG BULWARK, BY WESSEX HELICOPTERS OF 845 NAVAL AIR SQUADRON, AND FOUR ROYAL AIR FORCE HARRIERS WILL GIVE CLOSE AIR SUPPORT, ALSO OPERATING FROM HMS BULWARK, FROM 11-13 NOVEMBER.

"THE HARRIERS WILL BE FROM NO 1 SQUADRON RAF AT WITTERING. IT WILL BE THE FIRST TIME THAT RAF HARRIERS HAVE OPERATED AS A GROUP FROM A ROYAL NAVY VESSEL. THEY WILL BE UNDER THE OPERATION CONTROL OF HMS BULWARK'S COMMANDING OFFICER, CAPTAIN J R C JOHNSTON, RN.

"HQ 3 COMMANDO BRIGADE, ROYAL MARINES, WILL PROVIDE THE EXERCISE CONTROL WHILE ELEMENTS OF 40 COMMANDO, ROYAL MARINES, ACT AS THE 'ENEMY'.

"THE UNITED STATES SHIPS TAKING PART IN TRIPLE JUBILEE ARE THE AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE SHIPS CORONADO, PONCE, NEWPORT, AND BOULDER. THEY WILL VISIT PLYMOUTH AT THE START OF THE EXERCISE WHILE US AND ROYAL MARINES TRAIN TOGETHER IN THE PLYMOUTH AND EXMOUTH AREA.

"DURING TRIPLE JUBILEE'S THIRD PHASE, FROM 20 NOVEMBER, THE US AMPHIBIOUS FORCE WILL JOIN 45 COMMANDO GROUP, ROYAL MARINES -- BRITAIN'S MOUNTAIN AND ARCTIC WARFARE SPECIALISTS -- FOR TRAINING AT BARRY BUDDON, SCOTLAND. "

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